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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1026 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Lackawanna County Gun and Gang Reduction and Intelligence Project (GGRIP) in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lackawanna County Government, located at 123 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503. The funding would be used for the development of a targeted and multifaceted approach to aggressively combating violent drug, gang, and gun violence within Lackawanna County. The project will allow for the hiring of additional law enforcement and legal staff to expand the existing efforts of multiple stakeholders, effectively focus these labors to increase efficiency and collaboration in and among various partner agencies, and ensure these efforts result in successful prosecution of cases. It will allow for the purchase of the resources and technology needed to achieve these goals, while ensuring the security of local law enforcement as they put themselves at risk to increase the safety of their local community. The proposed project will also work to raise community awareness of these issues, decrease negative perceptions of law enforcement, and increase community engagement through educational efforts and participation in public events by law enforcement personnel throughout the community.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Matt Cartwright
Member of Congress